

Dear Parents and Carers

We are getting close to the end of the academic year and therefore we are sending home end of year reports. This is in preparation for next Wednesday's parent's consultation day. Could I ask that you take a look at the suggested targets for next year so that you will be able to discuss these in greater depth. They are suggested targets and changes can be negotiated with the teacher to make sure that we are all working together to support all pupils within the school.

You will see lots of pictures of last week's Sports Day included in the newsletter, what a great day we all had. The pictures are amazing and all the staff and pupils seemed to enjoy the day. Thanks to everyone who supported us in making it a success. A coat was left on the field that none of our staff recognise. If it is your child's, please contact the office so we can return it to you.



### Dates for your Diary

<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July:</b>	Parent Consultations-
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July:</b>	Last Day of this Academic Year-14:00 finish for pupils
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	School opens for Autumn Term
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	School closed for pupils (Inset day)

Hope you have a great weekend

*Lorraine*

### Our Kingfisher View

Kingfisher-a place where everyone is valued to develop independence through an enriching curriculum which is worthwhile



# News from Spring Cluster

## Green Class

Green Class have definitely been very busy during the last two weeks. Our students had a fantastic time during the Sports Day last Friday and it was great to see some parents, carers and friends of the children as well. Our favourite activities were the Tri Golf, the Skittles and we all really enjoyed taking part in the Green Class Race on the field with all of our friends and families. The children loved having their lunches and drinks under our 'Cluster gazebo' afterwards and we all had a lovely time celebrating our students' achievements. Well done everyone, we are all very proud of you!

During Art activities this week, the students in Green Class loved creating a colourful 'bubble sensory foam play' with their friends. The children mixed bubble bath with water and had a great time whisking them up using a hand mixer and a switch. Our students loved watching the bubbles getting thicker and thicker and they were brilliant at adding their favourite colour paint to make the mixture change colour and look so exciting. We definitely all enjoyed popping the bubbles afterwards, smelling them and making beautiful marks on our trays or on the table. The children concentrated so well on this activity and they were all amazing at activating the switches independently.

Some of Green Class students also loved taking part in the RDA picnic on Wednesday morning and having fun with their friends and parents. The children had some lovely snacks and they really enjoyed the great weather. We would like to say a big thank you to the parents and members of staff who have been supporting our students with their Horse Riding sessions during this year. Your help has been greatly appreciated!





## News from Spring Cluster



Have a lovely, sunny weekend and we are looking forward to seeing you on Monday.

*Anna, Clare, Jackie, Jo, Maria C, Pauline and Sue*





# News from Spring Cluster

## Yellow Class

Last Friday we enjoyed a super sports day. All of the children participated so well in the different events as you can see from the photos of our special day.



We have certainly been making the most of the lovely weather this week. The children enjoyed sensory play in the garden with our new bubble machine. The children were so excited to see lots of bubbles and there were lots of giggles and smiles as they watched and popped the bubbles. We had a very special moment when Francesca used her voice to say 'bubbles' and 'pop'. This week the children, particularly Sienna, did super mark making using blue sand.





# News from Spring Cluster



In art the children explored clay and water. They manipulated the clay with their fingers and hands before using rolling pins to roll the clay flat. The children then chose which cutter they would like to use to make some mini octopuses, fish and starfish. They look amazing already and will be sent home soon when they have been decorated.



Have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine,

*Siobhan, Helen, Maria, Yvonne, Sally, Kerryann, Amanda and Hannah*





# News from Summer Cluster

## Pink Class

We've had a wonderful week. Sports day last Friday was lots of fun and we have included some photos to show you of us taken during the day.



This week we had a lovely sensory cooking session and made an octopus using hummus and peppers as part of our 'water, water everywhere' topic. As you can see from the photo of Yujan it was very delicious.





# News from Summer Cluster

We have been continuing to work hard on our swimming targets and we are currently working on achieving certificates for those targets. A big well done to Yujan who achieved his 10 metre swimming certificate yesterday.

Eye gaze is a firm favourite activity for some of our students, Toby has been working hard this week using the eye gaze, especially when making choices during snack time.



We look forward to seeing you for Parent consultations next Wednesday and hope you have a good weekend.

*Juliette, Tor, María, Dawn, Tracy, Norah, Daniel, Lorna, Janet, Clare*



# News from Summer Cluster

## Blue Class

What a great week. It was so nice to see our students doing well during the sports day and seeing the whole school accessing the sports that were on offer.

This week we have been using some more of our outside spaces to make sure that we kept cool. It was the last week of horse riding for some and this finished off with a picnic after their session.

Next week will be our last OXSRAD session of the year and we will be sending out information for those that would like to join in the holidays clubs they provide during the summer.



*Joe, Matt, Olívia, Esther, Liza and Sarah*





# News from Summer Cluster

## Purple Class

Purple Class are still pushing forward with their term 6 events and slowly ticking them off. The focus this week has been on preparing for our enterprise – Jacket Potatoe Café. Students have thought about what we need to purchase in order to cook lunches for the staff. We have purchased 40 good sized spuds! William and Matt have also finalised their Personal Social Development units ready to be sent this week in order to achieve their ASDAN certificate.

As usual we visited Fitzwaryn on Tuesday for our Propeller Enterprise which this term has focussed on growing and maintain plants. We have been keeping an eye on our sunflower seeds and the Fitzwaryn Student Centre have been kindly watering our seeds for us in our absence. Adam enjoyed a second swim Tuesday and William and Matthew attended work experience. In the afternoon some of the students had another go at the 'Duvet Challenge' this time not only putting on a new duvet cover and pillow cases but also making the bed using our sofa bed in the Common Room. So far Brandon and Harry have been the fastest!

Wednesday, we prepared our Jacket Potato Café shopping list and jobs planning and enjoyed 'Walk4Wellbeing' at Tilsley. It was quite hot for walking so instead it was nice to have some relaxing time in the sunshine! We made some posters to advertise our Café around school and invited Michael John to our class to watch our Imagine rehearsal. Michael will be supporting us nest week with the recording and the students will be able to use a real microphone!

A relaxed session at OXSRAD this week playing lots of speedy soundtracks and moving in different ways. Lewis collected and opened his own wallet by himself and Josh enjoyed time in the spinning room with the Disco lights and music. Matthew, Brandon and Chan shopped for Jacket Potato Café whilst some other students finished off posters before 'Music with Steve'. Finally, we spent Friday making our preparations in the morning and helping to get things ready before the lunch breaks started. Some students continued with rehearsals and some switch work on the interactive whiteboard. Jacket Potato café was hard work, but a great success and Student Centre will continue this next year focussing on how to make improvements each time.

Happy Weekend everyone!

*Purple Class – Leah, Mary, Sean, Laura & Sian*



# News from Summer Cluster





# News from Autumn Cluster

## Orange Class

We have had a great week enjoying the sunshine. This week we started to think about the arctic. We enjoyed playing with water and arctic animals and lots of us enjoyed fishing in the water for small creatures. It made a bit mess but we had lots of fun.

In literacy we g shape poems finished making our shape poems. This week we focussed on mark making. We practised colouring using different colours and in the lines. We also practised forming letters and words by tracing, copying and lots of us even writing these ourselves.

In maths we thought about finding half and quarters. We enjoyed cutting half and quarters using different playdoh shapes. We also practised this skill by cutting cakes in a half as well as cutting out shapes and cutting these in half and quarters.

Other highlights of the week was definitely our trip of Millets farm. We focussed on exploring different environments. First we played in the giant sandpit. We enjoyed feeling the sand with our feet, burying our feet and building sandcastles. We also enjoyed relaxing in the deck chairs. We then explored the woods. We loved walking under the trees and through the long grass and even over the bridge. We even found a rope swing to play on.







# News from Autumn Cluster



## Homework ideas:

- Cutting playdoh, paper shapes and food in halves and quarters.
- Lots of walks exploring different environments.
- Water play – talking about different creatures that live in the water.

Hope you all have a fantastic weekend!

*Charlotte, Tina, Ali, Nina, Maria and Kim*



# News from Autumn Cluster

## Red Class

It was great to see so many friends and family at Sports Day last week, and I hope you all had a great time. The children certainly enjoyed themselves and worked really hard in all the events. A big well done to David for winning the Spirit of Sport award from the class.

This week has been wonderful weather for learning about the Arctic in our Exploring topic! With the hot temperatures, everyone really enjoyed playing with cold water and ice cubes and building icebergs for animals to climb on. We have in literacy been thinking about putting together what we've learned about different environments around the world to create a short play for the cluster assembly on the 17<sup>th</sup> – the children came up with some very imaginative ideas today and we'll be practicing and polishing them next week.

In maths we have been practicing to sequence events and tell the time. This is always a hard concept and needs lots of practice – please do continue looking at a clock with your child at home and reading the hour or half hour.

Finally, we had a special snack-time yesterday with a huge amount of raspberries brought back from the allotment in a hat by Zenun and David, who had picked them all themselves and were kind enough to share them with everyone. (Can we have more next week, please?)

*Katherine, Julie, Nicola, and Sarah*







# News from Autumn Cluster







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## Gold Class

Wow, what a sunny week! I hope you've all been enjoying the sun as much as we have. With a bit of chivvying to take jumpers off and the odd break in the shade of a tree we've enjoyed spending as much time outside as possible this week, both in lessons and during break-times.

In English lessons we have had the opportunity to direct the plays that we wrote in Literacy last week, taking the reins in pulling our actors into shape! Pupils thought about whether they wanted their plays to be serious or a comedy and how they wanted the actors to say their different lines. Following a final performance we concluded by word processing our scripts on laptops.



In maths we revisited time. Whether exploring how to use the 24 hour clock in the context of a full day at Glastonbury Festival, or estimating how many seconds it will take to do twenty star jumps, we have enjoyed a diverse variety of activities.

Our painting has continued in art and swimming and P.E. (tennis) lessons ran as per normal. In ICT we looked at how to navigate between different programmes and had fun using them once we had this pegged.

In Topic we have investigated the Arctic/Antarctic (ironic though that is for the weather). Initially we watched an extract from a BBC documentary and labelled the arctic on a world map. Later in the week we set up a large tent in class and re-lived Captain Scott's experiences from his race to the south pole.

Some of our students were also offered the opportunity to work with and support younger pupils in different classes this week. All that were given the opportunity excelled, rising to the challenge with aplomb. In PSHE/SRE we talked



about what our dream lifestyles would be and what a 100% perfect, healthy lifestyle should entail. This gave us an excellent opportunity to discuss the benefits of exercise, sleep and diet and what the drawbacks might be for our life and body should they be neglected.



# News from Autumn Cluster

Now, I've been assured that Gold Class parents are all perfect role models for a healthy lifestyle. Whether true or not, we would like to wish you a fantastic time as you live it up this weekend and enjoy the warmer weather!

*Richard, Teresa, Julie, Marie, Helen, Hannah, Sian and Lorraine G!*

*~ The Gold Class Crew*

## Homework

As we have been revisiting 'time' again, please help your child to progress with reading analogue clocks. Gold Class pupils have very split ability here but the general progression follows from reading whole hours to half hours, then quarters, fives and minutes. More able pupils would benefit from being challenged to think in terms of the 24 hour clock e.g. "It's 19:20 now, what time is it in am/pm time?" or reversed: "It's 8.30 pm. What time is that on a 24 hour/digital clock?"







# News from Winter Cluster

## Silver Class



What a fantastic sports day Silver Class, we were very impressed with how hard everyone tried. Thank you to all the parents, carers and siblings that supported us, it was wonderful spending time with you all. Here are some brilliant photos from the day. Have a nice weekend everyone,

*Emily, Niki, Jill, Jimena and Annie*





# News from Winter Cluster

## White Class



We had great weather on Sports Day last Friday. All the children joined in with a range of activities to test their throwing, aiming and jumping skills. The adults are pleased to note that independence has developed and the children are able to hold and manipulate sports equipment more competently. It was great fun and everyone was relaxed and happy all through the day. The picnic lunch was a great success and the children sat under the shade of our very own gazebo. The children coped very well with the change in routine and loved being with the children from the other classes. There was a real buzz of excitement throughout the morning.



Our lessons this week continued as usual but we are building on the children's love of physical activity and the great outdoors. The children have been consolidating their understanding of *in on under next to* by playing with the giant parachute and a fantastic length of material. These have also doubled as 'boats' and there's been a lot of rocking and falling in to the river! Earlier in the week some of the children made life jackets for the animals from our Sensory Story. We found out that bubble wrap is very good for this purpose! The pig and the cow floated very well but poor old Fergus had no life jacket and sunk to the bottom of the water. But don't worry, he was soon rescued!

See you all on Monday.

*From Jane, Zoe, Pauline and Lynette*

# Community Links

## Hi from Oxfordshire Parent Carers Forum

On Thursday 11th July we will be holding an open morning in Abingdon so that parent carers of children and young people (0-25) with any special educational needs/disabilities, in the Oxfordshire area, can come along and meet us and hopefully tell us of their experiences (good and bad) of using the available services. This is in preparation for the upcoming Ofsted re-inspection of the Oxfordshire area which is due to take place in September this year and is a most important opportunity for our parents to have their voices heard.



**OXFORDSHIRE  
PARENT CARERS FORUM**  
The Voice of Parent Carers in Oxfordshire

**PRESENTS**

**OXPCF OPEN MORNING**

Meet the forum and find out  
more about us  
**All Welcome**

**Thursday 11th July 9.30am - 11.30am**

**Corner Suite, Christ Church,  
Northcourt Road, Abingdon, OX14 1PL**

**Who are we?**  
The Oxfordshire Parent Carers Forum, represent all parent carers (including foster carers) that have children with SEN(D) and the forum has been set up to be your voice in Oxfordshire.

Let us know you're coming by emailing  
[info@oxpcf.org.uk](mailto:info@oxpcf.org.uk)

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# Community Links

Alice's Day in Oxford celebrates all things Lewis Carroll and Alice in Wonderland. There is a whole programme of events throughout the day including the Botanic Garden's Picnic Afternoon.

For more information families can visit [www.storymuseum.org.uk/alice](http://www.storymuseum.org.uk/alice) and <https://www.obga.ox.ac.uk/whats-on>

## Alice's Day– Picnic Afternoon

Oxford Botanic Garden | 1pm-4pm

Saturday 6 July

Join us for an afternoon of curious music, performance, activities, crafts and fun. Find the Mad Hatter organising his tea party and running a series of nonsense games. Make your own curious 'drink me' potion, plant some peculiar seeds, plus, make a Queen of Hearts crown or Mad Hatter top hat.

Relax with a picnic at our enormous Alice tablecloth or pick up something yummy in the Garden to eat.

Fun for all ages.

Activities free with admission to the Garden. Adults £6, accompanied children under 16, FREE

Buy tickets at [obga.ox.ac.uk/whats-on](http://obga.ox.ac.uk/whats-on)

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Monday – Wednesday, 9am-3.30pm (term time)



# Community Links

We have received the latest edition of the Disabled Living Newsletter, a copy will be sent to parents via Arbor email. For those who receive a paper copy of the Newsletter, please visit:

[https://issuu.com/disabledliving/docs/disabled\\_living\\_newsletter\\_july?fr=xKAE9\\_zU1NQ](https://issuu.com/disabledliving/docs/disabled_living_newsletter_july?fr=xKAE9_zU1NQ)

(or request a printed copy from the school office)



# Community Links

We have received the latest short breaks newsletter which will also be sent to parents via Arbor email – please let the school office know if you would like a paper copy

## Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People

Welcome to the July **Short Breaks Update**.

We hope you will find the information in this edition useful.

Please share it with your friends, families and colleagues.



There's a lot happening over the summer! Don't miss the Cowley Road Carnival (p6); various activities at Thomley; loads of Play & Activity Days; Relaxed Summer Fun from the Oxon Music Service (p12) and save the date for the ROAR Festival (p21)...



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